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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3222

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 2678

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, ITC

SUBJECT: THE ITC APRIL MEETING

REF: STATE 84659

1. ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL TUNGKU NGAH OF THE MINISTRY OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. NGAH ASKED WHETHER WE WERE MAKING SAME DEMARCHE IN OTHER CAPITALS. ECON COUNSELOR SAID U.S. WAS DELIVERING SAME MESSAGE TO OTHER PRODUCER COUNTRIES. NGAH SAID HE WOULD REPORT THE DISCUSSION TO HIS MINISTER. HE SAID U.S. POSITION SOUNDED RATIONAL, BUT, OF COURSE, MALAYSIA WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITHIN ITS OWN GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE OTHER PRODUCERS BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO PROCEED.

2. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF THE BUFFER STOCK CONTRIBUTION, AND PRICES, NGAH SAID HE THOUGH THE CURRENT TIN PRICE WAS TOO LOW AND WOULD START TO MOVE UP AGAIN SOON. HE THOUGH THE MARKET HAD OVERREACTED TO ANNOUNCEMENTS OF A U.S. BUFFER STOCK CONTRIBUTION AND PROPOSED SOCKPILE DISPOSALS. ECON COUNSELOR SAID THAT WAS ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO WAIT FOR THE JULY ITC MEETING BEFORE TRYING TO MAKE ANY FURTHER JUDGMENT
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ON THE FLOOR AND CEILING PRICE. NGAH SAID THAT HE AGREED, AS A PERSONAL MATTER, BUT REITERATED THAT MALAYSIA WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ITS FELLOW PRODUCERS INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE DECIDING ON A POSITION.

3. IN RESONSE TO ECON COUNSELOR'S QUESTION, NGAH SAID THAT MALAYSIA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT BOTH JAKARTA AND THE ITC MEETING

BY IT'S ITC REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON. THE GOM IS NOT PLANNING
TO SEND ANYONE FROM KUALA LUMPUR.
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